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For: INTEGRATED CIRCUIT HAVING
SELF-ALIGNED CVD-
TUNGSTEN/TITANIUM CONTACT PLUGS
STRAPPED WITH METAL
INTERCONNECT AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURE

Examiner: Unknown

Group Art Unit: 1765

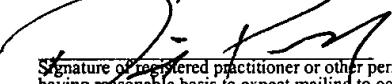
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Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application on the merits, entry of the amendments as set forth herein is respectfully solicited.